



Texas Department of Insurance

Division of Workers' Compensation

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution, MS-48

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MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FINDINGS AND DECISION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Requestor Name

KAREN SUTTLE

Respondent Name

DALLAS COUNTY

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-13-2901-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 44

MFDR Date Received

July 01, 2013

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: "Please accept the following Position Statement as required by Rule 133.307 (C)(2)(f).

(F) a position statement of the disputed issue(s) that shall include:

(i) a description of the health care for which payment is in dispute,

DESIGNATED DOCTOR EXAM

(ii) the requestor's reasoning for why the disputed fee should be paid or refunded,

ACCORDING TO TDI/DWC MEMORADNDUM 5/11/2007 EXAMPLE 7 AN ADDITIONAL \$250.00 IS DUE."

Amount in Dispute: \$250.00

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: "The issue is in regards to the reimbursement for three impairment ratings billed under procedure code 99456WPW5 and the reimbursement for two impairments ratings billed under procedure code 99456W5MI."

Response Submitted by: Argus Services Corporation

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
January 31, 2013	CPT Code 99456-WP-W5 and 99456-W5-MI	\$250.00	\$100.00

FINDINGS AND DECISION

This medical fee dispute is decided pursuant to Texas Labor Code §413.031 and all applicable, adopted rules of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation.

Background

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307 sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.
2. 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.204 sets out the fee guideline for workers' compensation specific services.
3. The services in dispute were reduced/denied by the respondent with the following reason codes:
 - 18 – Duplicate claim/service

- 193W – Original payment decision is being maintained. Upon review, it was determined that this claim was processed properly. Previous recommendation was in accordance with the Workers' Compensation State Fee Schedule
- 193 – Original payment decision is being maintained. Upon review, it was determined that this claim was processed properly
- 97H – The benefit for this service is included in the payment/allowance for another service/procedure that has already been adjudicated. Service(s) procedure is included in the value of another service/procedure billed on the same date
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Issues

1. Did the requestor bill the respondent appropriately for the disputed services?
2. Is the requestor entitled to reimbursement?

Findings

1. Per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.204 states: "(j) Maximum Medical Improvement and/or Impairment Rating (MMI/IR) examinations shall be billed and reimbursed as follows: (1) The total MAR for an MMI/IR examination shall be equal to the MMI evaluation reimbursement plus the reimbursement for the body area(s) evaluated for the assignment of an IR. (3) The following applies for billing and reimbursement of an MMI evaluation. (C) An examining doctor, other than the treating doctor, shall bill using CPT Code 99456. Reimbursement shall be \$350. (4) The following applies for billing and reimbursement of an IR evaluation. (A) The HCP shall include billing components of the IR evaluation with the applicable MMI evaluation CPT code. The number of body areas rated shall be indicated in the units column of the billing form. (C) For musculoskeletal body areas, the examining doctor may bill for a maximum of three body areas. (i) Musculoskeletal body areas are defined as follows: (I) spine and pelvis; (II) upper extremities and hands; and, (III) lower extremities (including feet). (ii) The MAR for musculoskeletal body areas shall be as follows. (II) If full physical evaluation, with range of motion, is performed: (-a-) \$300 for the first musculoskeletal body area; and (-b-) \$150 for each additional musculoskeletal body area. (iii) If the examining doctor performs the MMI examination and the IR testing of the musculoskeletal body area(s), the examining doctor shall bill using the appropriate MMI CPT code with modifier "WP." Reimbursement shall be 100 percent of the total MAR.

Review of requestor's documentation provided finds disputed service 99456-WP-W5 supports a designated doctor examination to address Maximum Medical Improvement (MMI), Impairment Rating (IR) with 2 body areas using range of motion method.

No additional reimbursement is allowed for CPT Code 99456-WP-W5.

Per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.204 (j)(4)(A-B) states: "(4) The following applies for billing and reimbursement of an IR evaluation. (A) The HCP shall include billing components of the IR evaluation with the applicable MMI evaluation CPT code. The number of body areas rated shall be indicated in the units column of the billing form. (B) When multiple IRs are required as a component of a designated doctor examination under §130.6 of this title (relating to Designated Doctor Examinations for Maximum Medical Improvement and/or Impairment Ratings), the designated doctor shall bill for the number of body areas rated and be reimbursed \$50 for each additional IR calculation. Modifier "MI" shall be added to the MMI evaluation CPT code.

Review of the submitted documentation finds CPT Code 99456-W5-MI supported as the requestor has documentation of upper and lower extremity's being rated for an impairment rating examination requested. Additional reimbursement for CPT Code 99456-W5-MI is recommended.

2. The respondent issued payment in the amount of \$800.00 for CPT Code 99456-WP-W5 and 0.00 for CPT Code 99456-W5-MI. Based upon the documentation submitted, additional reimbursement in the amount of \$100.00 is recommended for CPT Code 99456-W5-MI.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, the Division finds that the requestor has established that additional reimbursement is due. As a result, the amount ordered is \$100.00.

ORDER

Based upon the documentation submitted by the parties and in accordance with the provisions of Texas Labor Code Sections 413.031 and 413.019 (if applicable), the Division has determined that the requestor is entitled to additional reimbursement for the services involved in this dispute. The Division hereby ORDERS the respondent to remit to the requestor the amount of \$100.00 plus applicable accrued interest per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.130, due within 30 days of receipt of this Order.

Authorized Signature

Signature

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer

5/30/14
Date

YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

Either party to this medical fee dispute has a right to seek review of this decision in accordance with 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307, effective May 31, 2012, 37 *Texas Register* 3833, **applicable to disputes filed on or after June 1, 2012.**

A party seeking review must submit a **Request to Schedule a Benefit Review Conference to Appeal a Medical Fee Dispute Decision** (form **DWC045M**) in accordance with the instructions on the form. The request must be received by the Division within **twenty** days of your receipt of this decision. The request may be faxed, mailed or personally delivered to the Division using the contact information listed on the form or to the field office handling the claim.

The party seeking review of the MDR decision shall deliver a copy of the request to all other parties involved in the dispute at the same time the request is filed with the Division. **Please include a copy of the *Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision*** together with any other required information specified in 28 Texas Administrative Code §141.1(d).

Si prefiere hablar con una persona en español acerca de ésta correspondencia, favor de llamar a 512-804-4812.